(f) what was the report of each investigators?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) It is not mandatory to exactly adhere to the World Health Organisation formula since the composition of Oral rehydration-salt such as 'Electral. may require change in terms of electrodiarrhoea and as per local needs. This is lytes content depending on the severity of done in consultation with experts.

(c) to (f) since oral rehydration salt is not a new drug and has been in use for many years, clinical trials with electral was not considered necessary.

Proxivon—an irrational combination of drugs

1233. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Proxivon has an irrational combination of drugs:

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government did not clear this drug;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such a combination is not being marketed elewhere in the world; and

(d) if the reply to parts (a). (b) and (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for not withdrawing this products from circulation when the composition is harmful, dangerous and induces deaths and what action has been taken against that authority?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) The drug Proxivon, which is a combination of dextroproxyphene, paracetamol and diazepam was licensed many years ago by the State Drug Control Authorities. The question of its rationality in the light of the current knowledge would be reviewed by the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, a statutory body under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act. We have no information whether such a combination is not marketed elsewhere in the world.

Expenditure incurred by Air India on advertisements to controvert a report in 'India Today'

1234. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the magazine 'India Today' of March 31. 1986 under the caption 'Double Dealing';

(b) whether it is a fact that to controvert the above report Air India published advertisements in a number of newspapers. if so. what was the total expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) whether Government have made any enquiry into the matter, if so, what are the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes. Sir. the expenditure incurred by Air India on the advertisement was Rs. 77,880/-.

(c) A preliminary enquiry into the matter has revealed nothing adverse.

Piracy of music cassettes

1235. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale piracy of music cassettes in the country has been going on and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to protest rights of the legitimate cassets producers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Through newspaper reports and representations received, the Government are aware that piracy of music casettes still exists in the country.

(b) As a measure to check piracy, the Copyright Act, 1957 has been amended by the Copyright (Amendment) Act, 1984 by which the punishment for copyright infringement has been increased and made mandatory so as to have a deterrent effect on the incidence of piracy. Punishment has been increased for second and subsequent convictions. Copyright infringement has also been made a cognisable offence. It has also been declared as an Economic Offence so that the period of limitation provided in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for offences will not be applicable to this offence. The producers of records are required to display particulars of copyright ownership etc. on the record as well as the container thereof, so as to prima-facie distinguish genuine records.

Under the provisions of the Indian Copyright Act. 1957, copyright is a proprietary right and it is for the owners of copyright to institute civil or criminal proceedings in the appropriate court of law for enforcement of their rights.

Misappropriation of funds in the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan

1236. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dirctor of the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan was invoved in misappriation of funds to the tune Rs. Seven lakhs and was found guilty by a Committee appointed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development but no action has since been taken against him; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) On the basis of the complaints received about alleged financial and administrative irregularities, the Ministry constituted an Inspecton Team in September, 1981 to enqnire into the allegations. The Governing Council of the Sansthan in its meeting held on 2nd July, 1982, empowered the Chairman of the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (Union Deputy Minister for Education, Culture and Social Welfare) to constitute a sub-committee of the Governing Council to examine the report of the Inspection Team and to scrutinise the items purchased by the Sansthan. The Chairman was authorised to take a decision on the report of the Sub-Committee. The sub-committee so constituted submitted its report to the Chairman in August, 1982. After considering the report, it was found that there were no mala fide intentions and the purchases had been made keeping in view the needs of the Sansthan particularly those arising from the expansion of its activities. It was decided to regularise the purchases and settle payments with various parties. The Government decided to close the case. The above decision of the Chairman was also reported to the members of the Governing Council and Mandal in the meetings held on 9th and 10th April, 1983.

Foreign companies engaged in Shipping Industry in India

1237. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of foreoign companies are working in the shipping industry in India; and

(b) if so, what are their names alongwith the names of the countries?